

REMARKS

In a Non-Final Office Action dated January 25, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 29, 30, 48-54, and 56-63, objected to claim 55, and allowed claims 64-71. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering the present application.

Claims 12-19, 21-32, 48-54, and 56-60 are canceled without prejudice, and claims 55 and 61-63 are amended herein. Claims 55 and 61-71 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

The Examiner objected to claim 55 and noted that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 55 previously depended directly on independent claim 30, as is amended to incorporate all limitations from independent claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection and allow claim 55.

Claims 61-63 are amended to be dependent on independent claim 55, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 55.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 55 and 61-71, as presented herein, are allowable and request allowance of them.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the above amendments or if the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' representative would help to advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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